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Annotations

1. Opening of the Conference

The International Conference on Financing for Development will be convened at the Monterrey Cintermex on Monday, 18 March 2002.

2. Election of the President

Rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference (see A/CONF.198/2) provides that the Conference shall elect a President from among the representatives of participating States. Rule 44 provides that all elections shall be held by secret ballot unless, in the absence of any objection, the Conference decides to proceed without taking a ballot when there is an agreed candidate or slate.

3. Adoption of the rules of procedure

The provisional rules of procedure of the Conference (A/CONF.198/2) were approved by the General Assembly in its decision 56/446.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference (A/CONF.198/2)

4. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The provisional agenda set out above was approved by the Preparatory Committee for the Conference at its fourth session, held in New York from 14 to 25 January and on 15 February 2002.

Documentation

Report of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference on its fourth session (A/CONF.198/5)

5. Election of officers other than the President

Under rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Conference shall elect, in addition to the President, 23 Vice-Presidents, an ex officio Vice-President from the host country and a Rapporteur-General, as well as a Chairman for the Main Committee if established in accordance with rule 46. Those officials shall be elected on the basis of ensuring the representative character of the General Committee. The Conference may also elect such other officers as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.

6. Organization of work, including the establishment of [the Main Committee,] the high-level officials segment, the ministerial segment and the summit segment

In its resolutions 55/245 A and 55/245 B, the General Assembly decided to convene the Conference at the highest political level of participation. At its resumed third session, the Preparatory Committee for the Conference approved the format of the Conference, which was subsequently endorsed by the General Assembly in its decision 56/445. In accordance with those decisions, it is proposed that the

Conference organize its work into three segments: a high-level officials segment, a ministerial segment and a summit segment. The Conference will be composed of six plenary meetings and 12 interactive round tables. There will be four plenary meetings at the summit segment, one plenary meeting at the ministerial segment and one plenary meeting at the high-level officials segment. Under rule 48 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Conference may establish such committees and working groups as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions. In accordance with rule 49, the members of the committees and working groups of the Conference referred to in rule 48, paragraph 1, shall be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Conference, unless the Conference decides otherwise.

The provisional rules of procedure also provide for the appointment of a Credentials Committee (rule 4) and a General Committee (rules 11, 12 and 13).

A note by the Secretariat on organizational and procedural matters will be before the Conference for its consideration. It will include a proposed timetable for the work of the Conference.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on organizational and procedural matters (A/CONF.198/4)

7. Credentials of representatives to the Conference

(a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

Rule 4 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that a Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference and that its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its fifty-sixth session, which consisted of the following Member States: China, Denmark, Jamaica, Lesotho, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Singapore, the United States of America and Uruguay.

(b) Report of the Credentials Committee

In accordance with rule 4 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Credentials Committee shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay.

8. High-level officials segment

The high-level officials segment of the Conference will hold a plenary meeting on the morning of 18 March. The Deputy Ministers of Finance, Trade and Foreign Affairs of the host country will jointly assume Co-Presidency of the high-level officials segment, which will elect the General Committee of the Conference.

(a) General exchange of views

The high-level officials segment will hold a general exchange of views to hear statements by the regional commissions and regional development banks.

(b) Consideration of the draft Monterrey Consensus

The high-level officials segment will consider the draft Monterrey Consensus for adoption and transmittal to the ministerial segment for its consideration.

(c) Reports on activities by relevant stakeholders

The high-level officials segment will hear reports from the Co-Chairs of its Preparatory Committee as well as receive reports from relevant preparatory processes.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the draft outcome of the Conference (A/CONF.198/3)

Report of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference on its fourth session (A/CONF.198/5)

9. Ministerial segment

The ministerial segment of the Conference will commence its plenary meeting on the afternoon of Monday, 18 March, and will take up the whole of Tuesday, 19 March and Wednesday, 20 March. The Ministers of Finance, Trade and Foreign Affairs of the host country will assume Co-Presidency of the ministerial segment.

(a) General exchange of views

The plenary meeting on the afternoon of Monday, 18 March, will have an exchange of views, and will hear statements by intergovernmental economic, financial, monetary and trade bodies and by United Nations bodies.

(b) Consideration of the draft Monterrey Consensus

The ministerial segment will consider the draft Monterrey Consensus for adoption and transmittal to the summit segment for its consideration.

(c) Reports of business and civil society forums

The ministerial segment will hear reports from the financing for development business forum and the civil society forum.

(d) Ministerial round tables

On Tuesday and Wednesday, 19 and 20 March, eight multi-stakeholder round tables will be convened. On Tuesday, the theme will be "Partnerships in financing for development" (two simultaneous round tables in the morning and two in the afternoon); on Wednesday, the theme will be "Coherence for development" (two simultaneous round tables in the morning and two in the afternoon).

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the draft outcome of the Conference (A/CONF.198/3)

Letter dated 5 March 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations and the Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/CONF.198/6)

10. Summit segment

The summit segment will commence on the morning of Thursday, 21 March, and will take up the remainder of the Conference until the closing on Friday, 22 March.

(a) General exchange of views

A plenary meeting will be held that will begin with the assumption of the Presidency of the Conference by the Head of State of the host country. The President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the heads of the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the World Trade Organization will be invited to make introductory statements. Statements by heads of delegations, in accordance with the customary protocol that ensures that heads of State or Government speak first, followed by Ministers and other heads of delegation, will begin to be heard on Thursday morning and will continue at plenary meetings on Thursday afternoon, Friday morning and Friday afternoon.

(b) Consideration of the draft Monterrey Consensus

The summit segment will consider the draft Monterrey Consensus for final adoption by the Conference.

(c) Summit round tables

On the morning of Thursday, 21 March, and in the afternoon of Thursday, 21 March, the summit segment will hold two simultaneous round tables (a total of four round tables), with representatives of Member States, institutional stakeholders, civil society and the business sector attending each meeting, on the theme "International Conference for Financing for Development: looking ahead". The round tables will run concurrently with the plenary.

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11. Adoption of the Monterrey Consensus

At its fourth session, the Preparatory Committee for the Conference approved the draft outcome of the Conference and recommended its adoption by the Conference. Subsequently, the high-level officials, ministerial and summit segments of the Conference will consider the draft outcome and recommend it for adoption at the plenary on the afternoon of Friday, 22 March.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the draft outcome of the Conference (A/CONF.198/3)

12. Adoption of the report of the Conference

The Conference will adopt a report on its activities, a draft of which will be prepared by the Rapporteur-General and presented to the Conference for its approval.